

Demand of Mail Train

417. SHRI SATYAJITSINH DULIPSINH GAEKWAD : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware of the demands being made since long for running a mail train with upper class coaches between Delhi and Degana in place of Jodhpur Mail;

(b) whether the Government contemplated to run a mail train with upper class coaches between Delhi and Degana;

(c) if not, the reasons for depriving the upper class passengers from this facility;

(d) whether conversion of metre gauge line into broad gauge between Delhi and Degana to again run a broad gauge Jodhpur Mail between Delhi and Jodhpur via above route is feasible in near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) to (c) At present, 2461/2462 Delhi-Jodhpur Mandore Express, having two AC 2 tier and one AC First class (tr-weekly) coaches, is available between Delhi & Degana (via Jaipur, Phulera). The feasibility of running of a train between Delhi & Degana on Metre Gauge has been examined but not found feasible due to operational difficulties and resource constraints.

(d) and (e) B. G. line exists between Delhi & Rewari. A survey for gauge conversion from Rewari to Degana via Ratangarh M.G. line has been taken up by Northern Railway. Further consideration of the project would be possible once the survey report becomes available.

[Translation]

Missing of Goods

418. SHRI K. D. SULTANPURI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of goods booked with Railways was found missing during the last year, zone-wise/state-wise; and

(b) the amount of claim given on that account ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) The State-wise statistics are not maintained. However, the amount claimed by the claimants for missing consignments on account of loss, theft and

pilferage etc. and the amount paid Zone-wise for the year 1996-97 is as under :

(Figs. in Lakhs)

Railway	Amount claimed for missing goods on account of loss, theft, pilferage etc.	Net amount paid as compensation
Central	5932.00	300.70
Eastern	5870.21	324.19
Northern	8162.22	746.12
N.E.	3419.45	79.39
N.F.	5130.34	325.36
Southern	6588.28	249.88
S.C.	5196.82	191.62
S.E.	8224.78	359.76
Western	5873.44	285.62

Difficulties to Passenger Due to no Stoppage of Train

419. SHRIMATI KETAKI DEVI SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to provide a stoppage for some important trains like 2253/2254 Vaishali Express and 5207/5208 Barauni-Amritsar Express at Mankapur (U.P.) Station;

(b) if so, the time by which the stoppage for trains at Mankapur station is likely to be provided; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The proposal was examined but not found commercially justified.

[English]

British Airways

420. SHRI SANAT MEHTA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Airways plans to increase its capacity entitlement on India—U.K. sector has suffered a setback after the Government's decision to come out with a comprehensive Civil Aviation Policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor;

(c) the details of terms and conditions of agreements made between British Airways and Air India;

(d) whether a bilateral agreement between the two Governments is necessary for the implementation of such plan; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATRAJAN) : (a) to (e) Increase in capacity entitlements for air services operations between India and U.K. is required to be discussed and finalised in the bilateral Civil Aviation talks between the two Governments. The dates for the next round of talks have not been fixed as yet. The issue of increase in capacity has in no way suffered a setback due to the proposed National Policy on Civil Aviation.

Loss Suffered by Railways

421. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VARMA :
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY :
SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA :
SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the losses suffered by the Railways due to damage of Railway property during the agitations at various places of the country during 1996 and upto October 31, 1997; and

(b) the remedial measures the Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) The loss suffered by the Railways due to damage of Railways property on account of agitation over the Railways during the year 1996 and 1997 (upto October 31) is Rs. 251,14,60,840/- (Rupees two hundred fifty one crore, fourteen lakh, sixty thousand, eight hundred forty only).

(b) The following remedial measures are being taken by the Railways :

- (i) Exchange of advance information with Central/ State Intelligence Agencies and GRP/Civil police.
- (ii) Co-ordination meetings with GRP/State police.
- (iii) As and when any agitation is called by political parties/other organisations, the security on Railways is beefed up in Co-ordination with local police/GRP to safeguard Railway property.
- (iv) Guarding etc. of Railway stations, vulnerable installations and sensitive areas are taken up.

Assistance for Public Transport in NCR Delhi

422. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government has provided any financial assistance for the development of various types of Public Transport in the urban areas of National Capital Region of Delhi during the last three years so far;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise;

(c) whether any International Institution has proposed to provide financial assistance for the Public Transport System in Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATARAMAN) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. For implementation of Mass Rapid Transit System in Delhi, the Central Government has released a total financial assistance of Rs. 64.27. crores during the last three years. The break-up of the assistance is as given below :

1994-95	(Rs. in Crores)
Preparation of Detailed Project Report	Rs. 6.37
Incidental Expenditure	Rs. 0.80
1995-96	
Incidental expenditure towards project preparation	Rs. 0.22
1996-97	
Equity for Delhi Metro Rail Corporn. Ltd.	Rs. 52.00
Preparation of Detailed Project Report for Delhi MRTS	Rs. 4.85
Incidental expenditure towards project preparation	Rs. 0.03

(c) and (d) The Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund of Japan have signed a Loan Agreement with the Government of India for providing first tranche of loan amounting to 14760 million Japanese Yen for Delhi MRTS Project at an interest rate of 2.3% p.a. The loan amount is to be released during the years 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

Loss Suffered by Railways

423. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Railways has suffered huge losses during the first half of 1996-97;